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DOERING SCHOOL

New *accent* on the arts

Music, visual arts classes drawing more middle schoolers' attention

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The arts are undergoing a renaissance at Agawam's middle school.

Fifth and sixth graders are responding to the Doering School's renewed emphasis on music and visual arts, principal Sue Federico said this month. Federico — who became principal in 2014 after serving seven years as the school's assistant principal — recently recruited a new art teacher and a new music teacher. Students take a half a year of art and music for 43-minute periods twice a week.

General music education teacher Daniel Rose, hired this fall, is building student confidence through singing by reviving the school's chorus, said the principal.

"In the past we were lucky if we had 10 to 15 students participating. Now, we have close to 100 in the chorus," said Federico.

"Art is cool and fun, especially when working on a project. It's just awesome."

— Arthur Oganyan
Grade 5 student

One of those students, sixth grader Summer O'Neill, 11, is thrilled.

"Last year, we didn't have a chorus, so I'm very happy," she said. "I love to sing — and I've learned some new songs that I didn't even know existed."

Visual arts teacher Rebecca Osborn, who joined the staff three years ago, encourages students to express themselves using their artistic talents. She said most students "love coming to art class," adding that one of the most important things she does as a teacher is to help

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Sixth grader Emma Miola, 11 looks up to check the pose of a classmate she's sketching in Rebecca Osborn's art class at Doering School. TURLEY PUBLICATION PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

LIBRARY



Agawam High School student Miranda Kamukla, 14, checks out one of the "blind date" book options Tuesday afternoon at the Agawam Public Library. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Will it be love at first read?

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You need a date for Valentine's Day? Or maybe one for that lonely Saturday night when a snowstorm keeps you from going out?

The Agawam Public Library has you covered this February with its "Blind Date with a Book"

program.

And the dates are having more luck than match.com as they continue to fly off the shelves, says Adult Services Librarian Cher Collins.

Collins had seen the program in action at other libraries and

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ST. PATRICK'S COMMITTEE

Colleen to be crowned on Sunday

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Five young ladies will vie for the opportunity to be the 2016 Agawam Colleen on Sunday morning at Chez Josef.

It is the third time in the last four years that there have been fewer than 10 contestants going after the honor. The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee sponsors the Colleen Contest and other Aga-

wam events leading up to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Holyoke.

Mary Jo Safford, co-chair of the Colleen Committee, said she is looking forward to this year's competition and is excited to have all five contestants participate and remain working with the committee for the duration of the St. Patrick's Day season.

With only five applicants, the four that aren't chosen as the town's Colleen will all be mem-

bers of the court. The court represents Agawam at Irish events during the next month, including the annual gathering of Colleens featuring the winners from throughout the region.

Safford said the number of contestants has been smaller in recent years, she cannot point to a specific reason for it.

"Obviously there are lot of

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Retiring firefighters reflect on service

By Peter Spotts
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The Agawam Fire Department will be celebrating the careers of four firefighters at a retirement dinner next weekend.

Fire Lts. Steve Castelli and Gary Brown, and firefighters Rob

Kerr and Joe Shaer, are all ending their firefighting careers after they each spent over 30 years with the department. Shaer, an Agawam resident his whole life, said he was happy with his career after finishing his last shift on duty Sunday morning.

"It was a good job and I was

glad to be on the Fire Department in my hometown, serving my hometown people," he said. "Almost like a dream job. You run into a lot of people off duty and they always seem appreciative, which is nice to have. ... I have

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Chamber to hold networking lunches

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will hold networking lunches from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, and Thursday, March 17, at Latitude Restaurant, 1338 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Attendees must be a Chamber member or guest of a member. The lunches offer an opportunity to enjoy a sit-down lunch while networking with fellow Chamber members. Each attendee will get a chance to offer a brief sales pitch.

The only cost to attend is the cost of lunch. Attendees will order off the menu and pay separately. The Chamber cannot invoice members for this expense.

For more information, call the Chamber at 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

Dave's hosts pet food giveaway for shelters

Dave's Soda and Pet City shared an early Valentine's Day with animal shelters, hosting a "14 Days of Rescue Love" event on Feb. 2 to distribute free food for homeless pets.

The giveaway, part of a two-week nationwide campaign by Halo Purely for Pets, saw volunteers from the nearby Westfield Regional Animal Shelter and two Central Massachusetts shelters, Second Chance Animal Shelter and Sweetpea Animal Rescue, pick up Halo pet food donations made possible by Halo buyers and Freekibble.com visitors. Donations were distributed from Dave's flagship store on Springfield Street in Agawam.

"We are happy to be selected to be part of the '14 Days of Rescue Love' campaign," said Dave Ratner, owner of Dave's Soda and Pet City. "Helping homeless pets in our community is extremely important to us and we know food is one of the biggest expenses for shelters and rescues. Providing a big donation of quality food like Halo is a high impact way we can help our local organizations continue their great work."

Since 2008, Freekibble.com has donated 16.3 million bowls of food to shelters and rescues. As Freekibble.com's official pet food sponsor since 2010, Halo donates the kibble distributed to shelters and rescues throughout the United States and Canada.

For more information on the tour, visit halopets.com/14days.



Volunteers from Sweetpea Animal Rescue of Paxton, Mass., load dog and cat food into a car at Dave's Soda and Pet City in Agawam last week. SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY SUE PAWLISHEN



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Vacancy



There's a padlock on the door of the Agawam Motor Lodge on Suffield Street, and a handwritten sign in the window informing would-be lodgers that the motel is now closed. The motel's attorney did not respond to phone calls seeking more information earlier this week, and the mayor—whose administration is suing the motel's owners to comply with health, building and zoning codes, or place the business in receivership—declined to comment. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Photo awards night at Agawam library Feb. 19

The upstairs gallery and glass cases at the Agawam Public Library contain 68 photos that were juried into the Friends of the Agawam Public Library Sixth Open Juried Photography Show. The show will run to Feb. 26. Brochures are available in the gallery area at the library that describe the photographs.

Frederick Gaylor of Feeding Hills won third place in the pictorial category. Other entries from Agawam include works by Madeline Catania, Edmond Flebotte, Michele LaPalme and Norm McCannon. Entrants from Feeding Hills include Diane Savioli-Chase, Larry Sanchez and Mary Young.

A reception and presentation of awards is planned for Friday, Feb. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. Music and light refreshments will be part of the evening's events. Twenty-two awards will be presented along with a discussion and critique by judges Sue Fenton and Kevin Fay.

Both the show and the reception and awards night are free and open to the public. The Agawam Public Library is at 750 Cooper St.

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Town seeks 2 members for ZBA

City Council President James Cichetti this week announced that effective immediately, there is an opening for one regular position and one alternate position on the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals.

Anyone interested in serving on the ZBA should contact Barbara Bard in the City Council Office at 413-726-9716, or bbard@agawam.ma.us, as soon as possible.

Boldyga holding office hours in town

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga will hold two sessions of office hours in Agawam on Thursday, Feb. 25.

Boldyga and his legislative director will be in the upstairs cafe at the Agawam Senior Center at 954 Main St. from 10 to 11 a.m. that day. They will then be in the Peirce Conference Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., from 11:15

Ballroom dancing offered at Senior Center

The Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., will offer ballroom dancing with music by Richie Mitnick Monday, March 7, at 2 p.m. It will take place in upstairs in Veterans Hall. Admission is \$2.50 per person.

St. John's to host speaker series

St. John the Evangelist Church has announced it will host a speaker series in the coming weeks at the church at 833 Main St., Agawam. The public is invited.

Thursday, Feb. 25: What you need to know about annulment as a Catholic. Can I still be a practicing Catholic after divorce or annulment?

Thursday, March 3: Is there an alternative to abortion with an unplanned

a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Residents can stop by and express any concerns or issues they are having with the representative and his staff. To set up an appointment, call Boldyga's district office at 413-455-3007.

Boldyga, a Southwick Republican, represents Agawam, Granville and Southwick in the state House of Representatives.

pregnancy? Find out about the alternative to abortion and resources available. How can I heal emotionally and spiritually after abortion?

Thursday, March 10: Is assisted suicide really "death with dignity"? What are end of life directives? What about withholding treatment?

All discussions begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

Housing needs report to be unveiled

JM Goldson Community Preservation & Planning and its team of consultants will present the 2015 Agawam Housing Needs Assessment Report at the Housing Committee meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The goal of

the report is to assist the town in understanding current and future housing needs and lay the groundwork for the town to prepare an updated Housing Production Plan to identify goals and strategies for housing production.

All are welcome to attend.

Lioness taking trip to Mohegan Sun

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun on Sunday, March 13. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart as soon as everyone has boarded.

The cost is \$33 per person, which includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher

and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited. Early reservations are encouraged, as seats are limited. For reservations, call Pat at 413-786-1782 or Rose at 413-786-5134.

Survivor of 9/11 to headline business breakfast

Inspirational speaker Mike Jaffe, a survivor of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, will headline the Springfield Regional Chamber's Business@Breakfast on March 2, from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

At the time of the attacks, Jaffe was vice president of marketing at Marsh & McLennan Cos., an insurance and risk management firm headquartered in the north tower at the World Trade Center. Today, Jaffe is a well-renowned speaker with a story to tell of how the days leading up to Sept. 11, 2001, would change his life forever, referring to it as the "Human Wake-Up Call."

Using his own brush with tragedy, Jaffe radically changed directions in his career,

leaving a secure corporate job in Manhattan to reinvent himself as an entrepreneur. He is the founder of the Mike Jaffe Co., whose programs help individuals and organizations "wake up" their potential and take action. He has spoken to several corporate groups, from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses.

Jaffe will be available immediately following the breakfast for a book signing.

Business@Breakfast is sponsored by United Personnel. Reservations are \$20 for members (\$25 at the door), \$30 general admission, and may be made online at www.springfieldregionalchamber.com or by contacting Sarah Mazzafarro at mazzafarro@springfieldregionalchamber.com.

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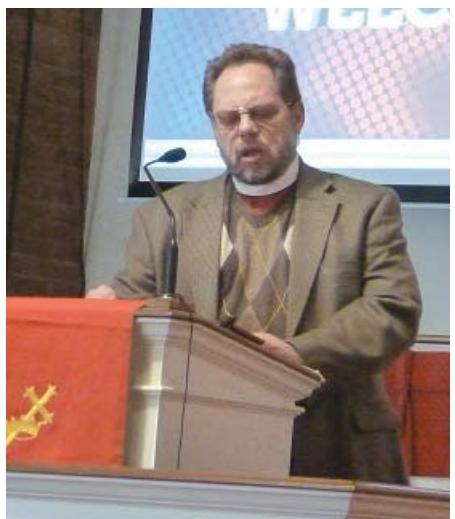
On Sunday, Jan. 31, the Hampden Association of the United Church of Christ installed the Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Dawson as pastor of the Agawam Congregational Church. A special installation service took place at 4 p.m., followed by a banquet held in Bryan Hall. All those in attendance were greeted and welcomed by Church Moderator Mark McCormick. The call to service was led by Janet Brown, director of children and family ministries. Gifts were presented to Dawson from the congregation by Nancy Maxim, David Prova, Lesley Young, Charlene Trombley, Janet Brown and Mark McCormick.

The Rev. Tamara Moreland, Northwest Central regional minister of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, read the scripture and presented the sermon, "Set in the Midst."

The offering invitation and the prayer of thanksgiving were given by the Rev. Robert Gormley. The Rev. Thomas D. Howells offered the greeting and the presentation was given by Mark McCormick. Exhortation was provided by the Rev. Elva Pawle and the Covenant by the Rev. Barbara Schenck. The prayer of installation and declaration were given by the Rev. Jill Graham, associate conference minister of the United Church of Christ. Dawson gave the benediction.

Dawson holds a bachelor of arts in studio art from the University of Vermont, a master of divinity from the Nazarene Theological Seminary, and a doctorate of practical ministry from the Master's Graduate School of Divinity. He has more than 27 years in ministry, including military chaplaincy in the Army, hospital chaplaincy, hospice chaplaincy, a pastorate in Houlton, Maine (Nazarene), Millville, Pa. (Disciples of Christ), and most recently in New Hartford, Conn., where for the last six years he served as pastor of the North Congregational Church, UCC. He was ordained through the Church of the Nazarene in 1991 and was accepted as a minister in full standing in the United Church of Christ in 2000.

He is a writer and has created poetry and non-fiction. He wrote "The History of North Congregational Church, 1828-2003," and is now working on a fiction murder mystery, which will be titled "For All Have Sinned." He has served both in the United States Navy (enlisted) and the Army National Guard and Reserves (enlisted, then



The Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Dawson speaks at Agawam Congregational Church. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



The Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Dawson, right, is pictured at his recent installation service with the Rev. Jill Graham, associate conference minister of the United Church of Christ.



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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Skaters, dog owners invest in Agawam

Forget the image of the skateboarder as a slacker and a civic shirker. Skateboarders just made a \$10,000 investment in your town.

Really, it was Converse, the sneaker and apparel company, with the guidance of Theory Skate Shop, who made the donation to add or replace equipment at the Agawam Skate Park off Maynard Street. But they wouldn't be spending their money here if not for the local skateboarding community.

That Theory, in particular, supports the skate park is worthy of note. Theory's retail locations are in Northampton and the Holyoke Mall. They don't have to donate money here because it's their home; they choose to do so, because they formed a partnership with Agawam's Parks and Recreation Department to build the skate park and maintain it. Some years, the town spends very little on the park, because private donations like this one take care of the capital needs.

And the skate park isn't the only privately funded park in Agawam — not even the only one at Shea Field, in fact. Across the parking lot, the less-than-a-year-old Agawam Dog Park was built largely through private donations, and is maintained by the Agawam Dog Owners Group, a nonprofit organization. ADOG is also the group that will raise money for any future expansion of the park.

In both cases, the parks exclusively serve a specific hobbyist or lifestyle group — skateboarders and dog owners — rather than the more general population served by town-built, town-maintained parks such as School Street Park, the Veterans Green or the Agawam Riverwalk. It would be nice if the town had a large enough budget to fund all the skate and dog parks' needs, but it would also be nice if the town had enough money to build and improve even more general-interest parks, in Feeding Hills and outside the River Street-School Street-Main Street corridor. In a world of finite resources and tough choices, it makes sense to spend the majority of taxpayer dollars on parks that are equally accessible to all taxpayers, and leave special interest groups to fund major work on the special interest parks.

Especially when two of those groups, ADOG and Theory Skate Shop, have done such a great job fighting to get the parks approved and raising the funds to build them. Though they may not benefit everyone — if you don't have a dog or a skateboard, there's really no reason to visit these parks — they are open to everyone, regardless of whether they shop at Theory or belong to ADOG. In that way, these two private groups, a business and a nonprofit, have done a real public service.

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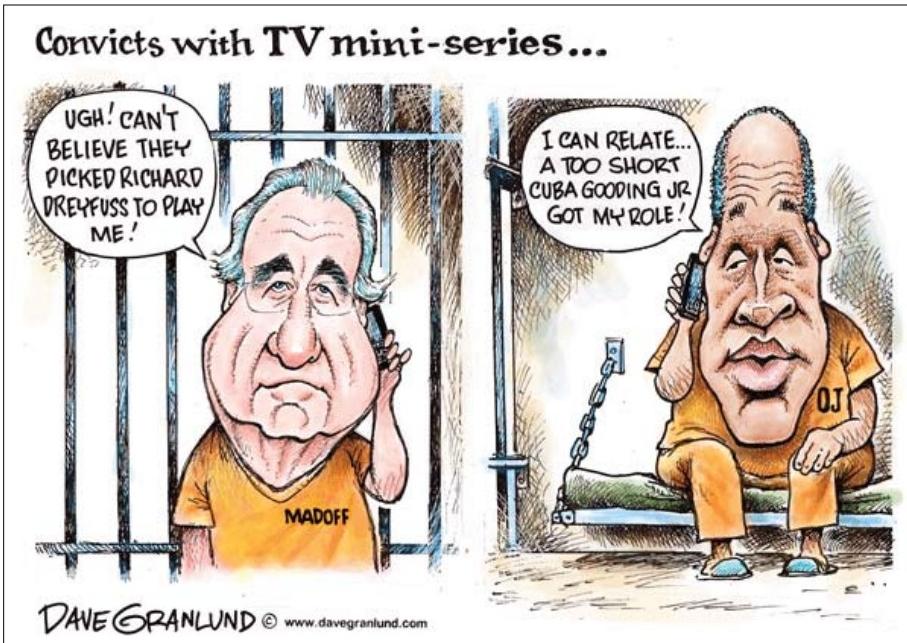
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JAY SPEAKS

Food truck craze is nothing new

Our family does not watch a great amount of TV. When it is on, a high percentage of the programming is set on the Food Channel. It was on that channel that I first noted a couple of segments devoted to the growth of food trucks in some major cities. These shows began a feeling of nostalgia in me.

The food truck, each with its own special menus, would park in high traffic locations (each properly licensed) would compete for the lunch time or random time customer for their wares. I was surprised again when two food trucks were packing up to leave as we arrived for our anniversary party at the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round. They were feeding a wedding party with choices of Hawaiian food or Coney Island burgers or dogs.

What pushed me over the edge to want to tell my story of food trucks was when I went to Washington for the Honor Flight. There, along the green strips near the historical venues near the Washington Mon-

ument, were numbers of food trucks, with every ethnic food, catering to the visitor and city dweller's taste.

My area of food trucks was the industrial food service vans. I spent some time with the citrus industry in Florida and Louisiana after college. When those seasons ended, I came north to visit family and was offered a job in this new area of industrial food service. The position was in Springfield and comprised three areas of service. The first was a truck going around to small businesses on a regular schedule, parking outside and then the workers would come out to purchase their coffee and whatever for their morning break.

The second area was larger industrial plants with more than one floor. The truck would park near the loading dock, empty its wares onto a large mobile cart and take the cart through the various departments and floors serving the workers for their

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FAITH MATTERS

Temptation

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, Satan tempts Jesus to change stones into bread, to have authority over the nations of the world, and to throw himself off the roof of a tall building (Luke 4:1-13).

Today, those temptations don't sound all that tempting. But we are routinely faced with temptations of our own.

Last week, more than 100 million people watched the Super Bowl. As always, the commercials were clever and entertaining. And, as always, the commercials implied that we could finally be happy, we could finally be the people we have always wanted to be, if only we would buy the right car or drink the right brand of beer or soda, or use the right new technology.

Commercials typically imply that life is ultimately about what we purchase and what we consume. And that is one of the great temptations in modern America: to believe and to act as if life is all about consumption. To believe and to act as if life is a big game, and the one who dies with the most toys wins.

Another of our temptations was prominently on display this week, as well. It was the New Hampshire presidential primary, the time when the candidates come to New England to make their case to the voters.

And all too often, the candidates make that case by appealing to our worst instincts. They play on our fears. They imply that their opponents are stupid, corrupt, or both.

Every two years, my own party sends

me solicitations insisting that this is the most important election of my lifetime. They warn me that the opposing party is poised to undermine everything I value about our country. They promise to defend truth and justice and the American way if I will just help them get more political power.

That is another of our modern temptations: to divide people into the good guys and the bad guys; to believe and to act as if my team — however defined — are the good guys and the other team is evil incarnate.

These messages are pervasive, and they affect all of us. We pretend to stand above them at our peril.

And yet we are not helpless before the modern temptations that too often poison our souls. There is an antidote. And the antidote is prayer.

In prayer, we offer God thanks and praise for the blessings we have received. We bring our wants and needs to God. We simply rest in the presence of God.

We will still make purchases. And we should remain engaged in the political process. But if we pray regularly, if we cultivate a genuine relationship with God, then we will be better prepared to resist the worst temptations of our culture. Better still, we might actually find the joy and the meaning that we crave and that this world cannot provide.

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COUNCIL CORNER

New commitment on the council

I would like to thank the City Council for voting Councilor Joseph Mineo as vice president and me as president of the Agawam City Council. We hope everyone joins in supporting us throughout the year as we work toward the common goal of making Agawam continue to be a wonderful place to live.

My commitment for the City Council is to make Communication, Accountability and Responsibility the three focal points by which the council is measured throughout the year. I believe that experience and exposure will make each councilor, individually, and the council as a whole, more well-aware and well-rounded. In that spirit, I have changed the subcommittees around in the hope of gaining experience on different subcommittees. Holding new positions is important to becoming a more seasoned council member and I believe my committee appointments reflect that vision.

Vice President Mineo and I have met with the mayor and his administration on several occasions over the past month. In order for this council to be more active and open with the administration, Vice President Mineo and I intend to meet with the mayor for a bi-weekly agenda review. In turn, I am hopeful that this commitment will eventually result in the mayor attending some of our City Council meetings, as well. Please understand the intent is not to automatically comply with the mayor's wishes, but to openly review the issues and respect each other's views. I would like to foster a spirit of cooperation to support and work



James Cichetti

Subcommittee assignments

Administrative Subcommittee: Paul Cavallo, chairman; Anthony Suffriti, vice chairman; George Bitzas; Christopher Johnson; Robert Rossi

Community Relations Subcommittee: George Bitzas, chairman; Gina Letellier, vice chairman; Joseph Mineo; Donald Rheault; Robert Rossi

Finance Subcommittee: Christopher Johnson, chairman; Cecilia Calabrese, vice chairman; Paul Cavallo; Gina Letellier; Richard Theroux

Legislative Subcommittee: Richard Theroux, chairman; Anthony Suffriti, vice chairman; George Bitzas; Cecilia Calabrese; Donald Rheault

School Budget Subcommittee: Paul Cavallo, chairman; George Bitzas, vice chairman; Joseph Mineo; Robert Rossi; Richard Theroux

Ad-Hoc Golf Subcommittee: Robert Rossi, chairman; Christopher Johnson; Anthony Suffriti

together on items that come before this council. The City Council, as a body, does not have to agree on all the issues, however we do need to work together for the common goal of Agawam.

I intend to submit to the Agawam Advertiser News a "Council Corner" informational segment after every meeting in an effort to keep the residents informed. Contact information for the council will also be provided to simplify the means of communication. I am excited to be a part of this City Council and look forward to this coming year.

Thank you!

James Cichetti was elected in January as president of the Agawam City Council.

coffee anyway you like, as long as it's mixed for you. It worked for us at that time.

Next to the coffee was a tray of doughnuts and pastry. These were fresh daily and high quality. Behind the coffee was milk and soda. Behind the pastry were sandwiches and grinders. They were served cold. After the morning run, which started at 7 a.m. (and ended around 11), the trucks would come back to our plant and reload for lunch with hot sandwiches, fresh coffee and more cold drinks.

We did this five days a week and Saturday until 11 a.m. After four years, we visited lower Connecticut and saw a truck similar to ours with a hot dog steamer powered by propane. We tried it on three trucks and the sales were phenomenal. Every truck had one and we were on a new plateau!

A few years later, we were smart enough to notice the trend toward coin-operated coffee machines in industry and slowly, the industrial food service died out and vending took over.

I still see vans going around to businesses in Agawam. The nostalgia is there.

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.

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coffee break.

The third area of service was in construction. In those early days after the war, there were construction projects such as housing for the vets and industrial plants expanding and roads being built. Everywhere one turned, there was construction activity. The truck would park near the job and the workers would come to the truck for what they wanted.

After a year or two internship, it was determined that there was a sizable marketplace for this service in Connecticut. I was selected to find a location and set up an industrial food service there. We were an instant success ... and before long we were operating 14 routes out of our location in South Windsor.

We made our coffee there in hundred-gallon vats. Our commissary was in Springfield and delivered daily. All other vendors such as baked goods, milk and other supplies came as needed. The panel trucks served from the rear. The coffee was all mixed in 10-gallon stainless steel insulated urns. A small thermos containing a gallon was for those customers who wanted black. Everyone else got coffee with milk and sugar (much like Henry Ford ... you can have any color you want as long as it's black). With our service, you can have

The Town of Agawam is accepting applications for the following positions:

POLL WORKER

The Town of Agawam is accepting applications for poll workers to work elections; you must be 18 years of age and be able to work from the opening of the polls to the closing on voting day. The salary for this position is \$9.00 an hour. Applications are available in the Personnel Office, 36 Main St., Third Floor, Agawam, MA 01001.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVER

The Town of Agawam is accepting applications for Meals on Wheels Driver. All applicants must have a valid driver's license, reliable transportation, be able to lift 50 pounds and be able to walk up and down stairs to deliver meals to clients. Applications are available in the Personnel Office, 36 Main St., Third Floor, Agawam, MA 01001, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen's speak time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular council meeting — Feb. 1, 2016
- E. Declaration from council president
- F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions
- 1. TR-2016-7- A Resolution authorizing the reservation of surplus funds from the Community Preservation Fund (CPA)
- 2. TR-2016-9- A Resolution authorizing the posting of the warrant for the Presidential Preference Primary on March 1, 2016 (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
- 3. TR-2016-10- A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Marilyn Curry, 123 Beekman Drive, Agawam, to the Whiting Street and Thomas Pyne Fund for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2017 (Mayor)
- 4. TR-2016-11- A Resolution accepting a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Emergency Agency pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53A to Agawam Emergency Management (\$2,000.00) (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
- G. Report of council committees
- H. Elections
- 1. TE-2016-3- Election of a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to an unexpired term expiring Jan. 1, 2017
- 2. TE-2016-4- Election of an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to an unexpired term expiring Jan. 1, 2018
- I. Public hearings
- 1. (PH-2016-1) TR-2016-12- A Resolution endorsing a "Complete Streets Policy" within the town of Agawam (Mayor, co-sponsored by Councilor Cichetti)
- 2. (PH-2016-2) TOR-2016-9- An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam Zoning Ordinances §180 entitled "Non-Conforming Use" (Councilor Cichetti) — Public Hearing date March 7, 2016 (Referred to Legislative Committee)
- J. Old Business
- 1. TO-2016-2- An Order granting or Renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License to Zielinski Brothers II at 218 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
- 2. TO-2016-3- Budgetary transfer for \$4,500.00 from Park Service (#16202-52520) to Temporary Salaries (#16201-51020) to cover School Street Park supervisor salaries (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
- 3. TO-2016-5- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License to Richard Conlon Jr. d/b/a Motor City Car Co., 91 Ramah Circle, Agawam. (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
- K. New business: Unavailable at press time.
- L. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.
- Adjournment

DEATH NOTICES

Fortin, Charlie J. Jr.
Died Feb. 5
Funeral Feb. 11
Agawam Funeral Home

Hinckley, Carol A.
Died Jan. 31
Funeral Feb. 6
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam

Hunt, Marjorie
Died Feb. 4
Funeral Feb. 12
Ludlow Funeral Home

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Junior Women's Club members Christina Beauchemin, left, and Kathy Mouneimneh, right, are pictured with Donna Shibley, awards coordinator. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Women's Club recognizes 2 members

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club recently awarded member Christina Beauchemin as the Martha Michalewich Clubwoman of the Year, an award that goes to the member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty for her club. She was recognized for consistently taking on roles as leader and follower and always promoting club activities.

Kathy Mouneimneh was selected to receive the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award in recognition for her leadership qualities and abilities that benefit both the club and her community. Besides being an active club member, she is involved in other community organizations and projects through church and other charities and organizations.

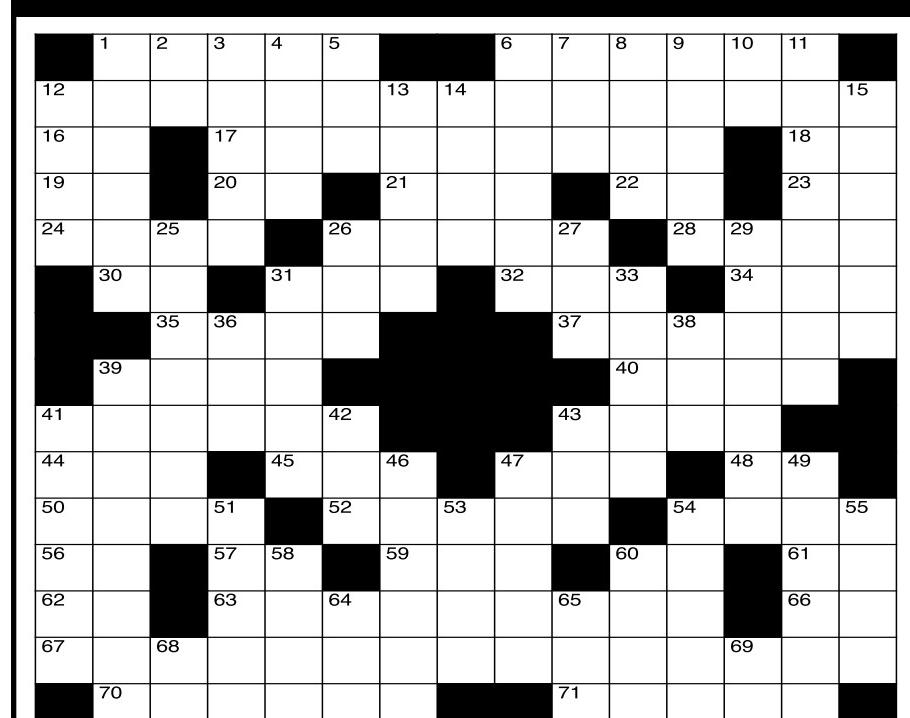
Chamber, legislators meet for breakfast Feb. 24

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Legislative Breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Storowton Tavern, on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

The breakfast will feature a panel of elected officials, including state Sen. Don-

ald Humason, state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga and Mayor Richard Cohen, representing Agawam, and state Sen. James Welch, state Rep. Michael Finn and Mayor Will Reichelt, from West Springfield.

Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. To purchase tickets, contact the Chamber at 413-426-3880 or info@westoftheriverchamber.com.



CLUES ACROSS

- Construct
- Seal
- Last from Kent Haruf
- A public promotion
- Acutely insightful and wise
- Yemeni riyal
- Lang (country singer)
- Blue Hen school
- Decaliter
- Point midway between S and E
- 12th Greek letter
- One point S of SE
- Pools
- Notes of hand
- Algerian dinar
- Metal cooking vessel
- Short poking stroke
- Mountain Standard Time
- Dark hairs mixed with light
- Hosts film festival

CLUES DOWN

- Started growth
- Biblical Sumerian city
- Where Alexander defeated Darius III
- Something to be borne or conveyed
- Removed earth
- Traveled by water
- Hirobumi ___, Japan
- Antelopes
- Japanese emigrant's offspring
- Singer Jolson
- Atomic #73
- Pigeon sound
- Jr.'s. father
- 6th tone
- Debt settled (abbr.)
- Contrary
- Chinese tennis star
- Na
- 44th First Lady
- Methyl phenol
- Avid applause

Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 324 calls for service from Feb. 2 to Feb. 8. The department recorded five arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

wam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Monday, Feb. 8

Benjamin T. Allard, 25, of 133 Evergreen Road, Vernon, Conn., was arrested on a charge of operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Tristen L. Candiano, 23, of 66 Ridgeway St., Westfield, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

FIRE LOG

Agawam Fire Department logs for last week were not received by press time. The logs will be printed in an upcoming edition of the Agawam Advertiser News.

Legals

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 7:00pm**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA to consider a Resolution endorsing a "Complete Streets Policy" within the Town of Agawam as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on February 28, 2016.

The Resolution (TR-2016-12) is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. It is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:

James C. Cicchetti

President of the City Council
2/4,2/11/16

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758

Docket No. HD15P2184EA

Estate of: Kathy M Scheve

Date of Death: 4/29/2015

Citation on Petition for Formal Adjudication

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal

Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative

has been filed by Bridget M Jansen

of Springfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Bridget M Jansen of Springfield MA be appointed as Personal Representa-

tive(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 02/29/2016.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 01, 2016

Suzanne T. Seguin

Register of Probate

2/11/16

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758

Docket No. HD14P2399EA

Estate of:

Donald E Meltzer, Sr.

Date of Death: 10/11/2014

Citation on Petition for Formal Adjudication

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 03, 2016

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2/11/16

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands.

Thank you.

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The Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series continues Friday, March 4, with a performance by the Millennium Magic Chorus at the Agawam Senior Center. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Millennium Magic Chorus up next for free concert series

The 12th season of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m. when the Millennium Magic Chorus presents a concert at the Agawam Senior Center.

This award-winning ensemble features women of all ages and all walks of life. Energetic and enthusiastic, they perform styles as varied as barbershop, doo-wop, along with contemporary

tunes. The Millennium Magic Chorus are members of Sweet Adelines International, and their dedication to musical excellence has resulted in consistent regional championships. They have also qualified to compete at the international level several times, all without a front line director, the only chorus in their organization so distinguished.

This event is co-sponsored by Bridge-

port National Bindery and Six Flags New England.

The Senior Center is at 954 Main St., Agawam, and can be reached by phone at 413-821-0604. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

Additional information on each of the Applause Series events is available at www.agawamcc.org.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that provides part of its funding. The Agawam Cultural Council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

Weds. networking event open to all

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will present "Wicked Wednesday" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at V&F Auto, 443 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

The event is free for Chamber members, \$10 for non-members, and is open to all. Non-members must pay at the door.

Wicked Wednesdays are monthly social events, hosted by various businesses and restaurants, bringing members and non-members together to social network in a relaxed atmosphere.

For more information contact the Chamber at 413-426-3880 or info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

Berkshires trip slated for April 8

St. John's Travelers will host "Maple and More in the Berkshires," a bus trip, Friday, April 8. The day's events will include an all-you-can-eat breakfast served with fresh-made maple syrup, wine tasting at Hilltop Orchards in Richmond and an afternoon stop.

The bus will depart St. John's Church, 823 Main St., Agawam, at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 5:30 p.m.

For information and reservations, call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

ADOG Comedy Night this weekend

All are invited to enjoy a night of laughs as the Agawam Dog Owners Group holds its third annual Comedy Night Saturday, Feb. 13, at Oak Ridge Golf Club, 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Four comedians will perform at the 8 p.m. show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Guests should bring their own snacks.

There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale at Southgate Liquors, next to Geissler's at Southgate Shopping Plaza, 830 Suffield St., Agawam, or online at www.agawamdogpark.com.

For more information or for reservations of six or more, contact Cheryl at 413-374-8336.

Chocolate event this weekend

The Agawam Congregational Church will host "A Chocolate Affair" from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Admission is \$5, which will include a sampling of a wide variety of chocolate items, a cup of coffee, cocoa or tea and a raffle ticket for the door prize.

For fruit lovers, there will also be a fountain of chocolate for dipping. Additional slices of cake and pie will be on sale along with cups of trifles, bags of truffles, cookies and candies.

The day's events will also include an auction for a Valentine's Day gift.

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Youth

Coloring, classic film for teens at library

The Agawam Public Library has announced the following programs for teens, offering them a chance to take time from their busy schedules to have fun and hang out with friends.

The teen coloring program is back by popular demand. "Color Me Calm" is for students in grades 6-12 and will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. During this time, teens can take time out of their busy schedule to de-stress and color. Registration is required.

A throwback movie for students age 13 and older will take place Thursday, Feb. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. Teens can come watch the "Jurassic Park" movie that started it all in 1993. Registration is required.

To register for any of the programs, visit www.agawamlibrary.org or call 413-789-1550, ext. 3. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Preschool applications available

The Agawam Early Childhood Center is accepting applications for both the morning and afternoon sessions for the 2016-17 school year. The Agawam Early Childhood Center, a comprehensive, reasonably priced preschool for children ages 3 and 4, provides all students with a standards-based education that builds the foundation for all future learning with the Agawam public schools. The program meets the needs of children with and without disabilities and

follows a developmentally appropriate curriculum where all children learn through play and hands-on activities.

For more information or to schedule a time to visit the program, call 413-821-0597. Applications can be found at www.agawampublicschools.org. Applications may also be picked up Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, 108 Perry Lane, Agawam.

AJHS Honor Roll

Norman Robbins, principal at Agawam Junior High School, recently announced the second term honor roll for the 2015-16 school year.

Grade 8: Genesis Aguilar, Shkurte Ahmeti, Arianna Albano, Imani Barbour, Emily Bazanchuk, Michael Beaudry, Madison Beaulieu, Brianna Benjamin, Cameron Benoit, Michael Berthiaume, Maxwell Blanton, Emily Bonfiglio, Elizabeth Bousquet, Gianna Boyle, Mackenzie Boyle, Alison Breton, Jason Breton, Sofia Bubuza, Nicholas Buonagurio, Thomas Caracciolo, Shannon Cassidy, Jamie-Lyn Cavallone, Aidan Chan, Ruby Chenevert, Joseph Chuduk, Cassidy Clarke, Kiera Cooley, Riley Coughlin, Olivia Courchesne, Megan Crawford, Alexander Denisenko, Madelyn Dickinson, Sydney Dietrich, Mackenzie Douglas, Mitchell Drewnowski, Jack Dunn, Katherine Dustin, Hailey Emmons, Erin Ewing, Emily Fallon, Riley Fanning, Maxwell Felix, Connor Feyre, Jaliyah Figueroa, Johnathon Filamonte, Tessa Fitzgerald, Matthew Flagg, Emily Fontaine, Jack Frogameni, Olivia Frogameni, Emma Gale, Patrick Gauthier, Sierra Gauthier, Nadia Ghareeb, Zao Gill, Emily Gillis, Amanda Hervieux, Jaylee Hiersche, Rhianon Hodovanec, Mariel Izoita, Ally Jaby, Dong Kang, Mia Kelley, Nastasia Kirik, Cole Kafeta, Anthony Krzykowski, Kristen Langevin, Nickolas Lavrenchuk, Cara Leblanc, Payton Lemke, Julia Lescarbeau, Lelanie Liporada, Matthew Long, Torin Lynch, Evan Lyne, McKenzie Lyne, Godfrey Macadangdang, Ryan MacDonald, John Manale, Jessica Marino, Jeremy Martinez Maldonado, Nathan Mateus, Harrison Mendrala, Carina Menovshchikova, Zachary Moccio, Connor Montagna, Jonathan Murray, Sarafina Nardi, Eric Nesen, Andy Nguyen, Emelie Oberheim, Alexandra Oldenburg, Jailene Ortiz, Suzanne Page, Prema Patel, Kaia Pfeffer, Kristina Piazza, Samuel Polley, Ian Poulin, Geta Prenciq, Zachary Quick, Cassie Reed, Summer Reigles, Madison Rinker, Abigail Rodriguez, Jonathan Rolon, Lucas Rosati, Anna Russo, Antonio Russo, Dzmitry Ryhal, Michael Santore, Gavin Scannapieco, Angelina Shayda, Dylan Sleich, Brady Spaulding, Esther Stepchuk, Jeian Stewart, Jihan Stone, Brooke Szafrań, Amanda Szczepanek, Robert Taylor II, Emma Thomson, Nicholas Thomson, Ethan Timms, James Tyrowicz, Disha Verma, Mason Wesley, Danielle Widmer, Zack Wieners, Amanda Woodford, Marykate Wysocki, Gianna Yacovone, Jessica Zhao, Eric Zheng.

Grade 7: Abigail Agron, Mia Albano, Julia Allen, Thomas Arcelaschi, Noor Awkal, Rawan Awkal, Jacob Baeder, Emily Ball, William Balzano, Kimberly Beaver, Demitra Benard, Sofia Blanchette, Joshua Bouchard, Reese Bourgeois, Madison Braska, Delaney Brown, Hannah Cahill, Isabella Caputo, James Chenevert, Kaan Cicek, Dale Consolini, Keeley Cote, Serena Croteau, Kylie Crowley, Gianna Curto, Emily Czupta, David Dagenais, Jessica D'Amours, Justin Davis, Hannah Davydov, Christopher DeGray, Nicole Depergola, Marissa Deslauriers, Anthony Dillard, Andrew Dzhendzheruha, Emily Ehresman, Julianna Failla, Anna Fedotova, Cristina Ferraro, Christian Fisk, Jocelyn Fonseca, Katherine Gauthier, Chase Gentile, Samantha Gentile, Ryan Gilbert, Joseph Glaessner, Andrea Gomez Marin, Benjamin Gordon, Joseph Goudreau, Tyler Gouvan, Hope Gravanis, Julia Hall, Julia Hampton, Ethan Harnois, Daniel Harpin, Mia Hastings, Molly Hastings, Ashley Hurley, Vanessa Iodovskaya, Olga Iovenco, Joseph Jendrysik, Margaret Johnston, Elizabeth Kane, Jacob Kibbe, Hannah Krafcik, Ciara Lamoureux, Emily Landry, Natalie Lane, Evan Lang, Faith Lapointe, Austin Larabee, Brendan LeBlanc, Kolby Lindell, Joseph Lochiatto, Samantha Lubarsky, Jaron Luke, Colin Malecki, Stephanie Maloni, Frank Marasi, Malia Matthews, Katherine Matuza, Sydney Maxey, Meagan McKiernan, Siobhan McMahon, Yeva Meleshko, Victoria Miller, Sophia Moccio, Morgan Moriarty, Yinnellis Moya, Julia Nicosia, Chelsea Normand, Tia Nuzzolilli, Timothy Polevoy, Joshua Privedenyuk, Antonio Ramos, Raymond Randall, Hannah Richter, Roxanne Risley, Mackenzie Ritchie, Vincenzo Romeo, Sarah Ross, Christian Rue, Sofia Ruiz, Dahlia Ryan, Olivia Salva, Jackson Schlosser, Jocelynn Schmuck, Innessa Schneider, Sofia Sergeychik, Makenzie Shean, Kiley Sheehan, Vanessa Shepardson, Anna Shlemanov, Colin Shlosser, Alexandra Shur, Rachel Sills, Mia Smart, Summer Smith, Talal Sofyan, Brandon Spaulding, Annabella Spinney, Stephen Steinbock, Rowenn Stevens, Diana Streete, McKenna Strong, Shawn Svoboda, Julia Sweeney, Skylar Thies, Devon Thompson, Riley Tourville, Athena Trench, Connor Twohig, Josephine Tyrowicz, Isabelle Uneegar, Kayleah Unglaub, Alex Varenny, Ella Votzakis, William Walsh, Abigail Waris, Jonathan Watson, Joseph Weyant, Emmerson White, Michael Winer, Kaitlin Winters, Lucas Woods, Abby Work, Brian Wyckoff, Sulamita Yukhimets, Jennifer Yusenko, Jackson Zampiceni, Emma Zollo, Zachary Zollo.

Smith scholarship deadline extended

The Horace Smith Fund, a private foundation that offers scholarships and fellowships, has extended the application deadline date for the Walter S. Barr Scholarships and Fellowships until Feb. 22 due to the low number of applications. Last year, the Horace Smith Fund awarded \$420,000 to 40 area students.

"To date, we have received only 45 scholarship applications and 14 fellowship applications. It is surprising that more students haven't applied yet," stated Teresa Regina, chairman of the scholarship committee and a trustee. "Applications can be downloaded or completed online. They are also available at every area high school and college and by contacting our office."

The Walter S. Barr Scholarship is available for graduating seniors and college-enrolled graduates of Hampden County public and private high schools. The scholarship is \$10,000, distributed in annual installments of \$2,500. Recipients are selected on a variety of criteria, including their test scores, class rank, extra-curricular activities, and a personal written account of why the student feels deserving of financial assistance.

The Walter S. Barr Fellowship awards are made annually to those wishing to enroll in full-time graduate studies. In general, applicants must be residents of Hampden County. Awards are made to students pursuing a specific post-graduate degree. The award of \$12,000 is distributed in annual installments of \$4,000 for a maximum of three years. Awards will be made on the basis of all available information, including school records, recommendations and examination scores. Consideration will be given to both the merit and financial need of the applicant.

For more information, visit www.HoraceSmithFund.org or call 413-739-4222.

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FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Plenty for kids to read – and do – at library

The weather's been pretty mild this winter and things are buzzing here at the Agawam Public Library. We have lots of wonderful programs like story times for kids of all ages, a Crazy 8's Math club for kids in grades K-2, a Book Buddies program for kids in grades 1-2, and so much more. Visit our website, www.agawamlibrary.org, to see all the wonderful programs that are happening.

If you can't make it to one of our programs, we still have a lot you can do whenever you stop by. We have a Winter Reading Club program that goes through Feb. 13, and we are participating in the Cradles to Crayons children's pajama drive that will go through March 15. During the pajama drive, you can drop off new children's pajamas and we will help get them to families that need them.

Oh, and don't forget, we have books, lots and lots of books. We have been busy relabeling some of our books, and moving things so that they are easier to find. You



Pamela Weingart

will find that our beginning chapter books now say EARLY on the spine so you can easily find these books for your child who is just starting to read chapter books. We have also moved our graphic novel section so it can fit all of the new graphic novels that are coming into the library. In the graphic novel section we will keep books like "Big Nate" and "Super Ameba." Both of these book series are A.R. books, just in case you need more A.R. points.

As always, if you'd like help finding something to do or something to read, please don't hesitate to ask us. We are here to help you. Feel free to check our website, www.agawamlibrary.org, call 413-789-1550, ext. 3, or email pweingart@agawamlibrary.org. I hope to see you soon at the library.

Pamela Weingart is the youth services librarian at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Information night for kindergarten parents

The Agawam public schools will host a Parent Information Night Thursday, March 10, at 6 p.m. at Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main St.

Parents of children entering kindergarten in September in any Agawam school are invited to attend. The program is offered to answer questions parents might have in regard to their child entering school. Children who will be 5 years old prior to Sept. 1 are eligible for kindergarten.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

College acceptances

Victoria Castro — Liberty University; Kiana Eaton — Air Force Reserves; Iahn Souder — Clarkson University.

Special interest programs

American Student Assistance College Planning Centers offer free assistance with completing financial aid applications, both in-person, at centers, and over the phone by calling 877-ED-AID-4U (877-332-4348).

QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program aims to provide low-income high school juniors who excel academically with preparation they need to not only get into top colleges, but possibly attend for free. More information is available at questbridge.org.

FAFSA Day 2016 is a non-profit, volunteer-driven program providing free assistance to students seeking to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For anyone attending college in the fall of 2016, this is an opportunity not to miss. The event will be offered at Holyoke Community College on Feb. 21. Families can learn more and register at fafsdady.org.

Jr. Tech Inc., a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that has delivered experiential STEM education programs in Massachusetts for the past 10 years, is offering Girls STEM Summit on Sunday, April 10, at Regis College in Weston. The focus is on girls in grades 8-12 who are interested in or curious about careers in the STEM fields. The registration fee is \$55 per student and includes all speakers, hands-on sessions, lunch and snacks, giveaways and a take home gift. Call 617-512-1794 with any questions.

Springfield Technical Community College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

The railroad industry is thriving and railroad companies are looking for qualified workers to fill a variety of positions. The Railroad Engineering Technology Association

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: the Walter S. Barr Scholarship; William R. Rooney Scholarship; Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Edward P. Boland Scholarship; Jewish Endowment Fund; the Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; Phillips Scholarship Fund; Michael Yaskick ADHD Scholarships by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program; Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship; the Springfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Valley Press Club; Dolly Lancaster Scholarship; Jewish Endowment Fund; State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship; Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation; Pioneer Valley Chapter/Co-operative Credit union Assoc. Scholarship; Buick Achievers Scholarship; Garden Club Federation of Mass.; National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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From left, retiring Agawam firefighters Rob Kerr, Lt. Steve Castelli and Joe Shaer stand in front of Tower 1 at the Agawam Fire Department headquarters on Feb. 6. Fire Lt. Gary Brown, not pictured, is also retiring. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY PETER SPOTTS

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lived here my whole life. I knew many of the residents from town and over the years from time to time folks I responded to were people who I had previously known or their families. People seem to appreciate seeing a familiar face show up when they are having a problem."

Castelli noted that the department has gone through several changes since he joined in 1975, including an expansion of its emergency medical services.

"Now we run two full-time paramedic ambulances now in Agawam," said Castelli. "When I got hired in 1975, the chief told me I was a firefighter first and an EMT second, which I think is reversed now. You have to be a paramedic now to get on the department."

Kerr has been a firefighter his entire working life, and is looking forward to embarking on a new journey after following the same routine 33 years.

"I was right out of high school when I got on [and] it was a long, rewarding career, and I am looking forward to moving on to some of the projects and something different," he said.

Shaer and Castelli echoed his comments and are looking forward to spending time with family, friends, working around the house, and deciding what the next chapter of their lives will be.

The four retiring firefighters are leaving the department with combined experience of more than 100 years. Fire Chief Alan Sirois said the roster will be filled through the state's civil service system, which conducts a firefighter entrance exam every two years. Agawam will request a list of paramedics who have passed the firefighting exam and will interview the top candidates.

"There's an interview, a human resources division physical test, basically a medical screen, there's a physical abilities test where they are assessed on their lifting, pushing, and pulling capabilities," added Sirois.

The retirement party to recognize their years of service, present ceremonial axes, certificates and other presentations starts at 6 p.m. on Feb. 20 at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, with cocktail hour and a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are available at the Fire Department front office at 800 Main St., Agawam, and are \$35 per person.

CAMPUS NOTES

The College of Saint Rose: Lauren Booth, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

Fort Lewis College: Kayla Stoddard, of Agawam, graduated in December with a bachelor's degree in exercise science.

Grove City College: Kristen Welch, of Feeding Hills, was named to the dean's list with distinction for the fall semester.

Husson University: Meaghan Sanschagrin, of Agawam, was named to the fall se-

mester president's list.

Northeastern University: Jasmine Rayonia, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

St. Mary's Academy of Longmeadow: Megan Smith, of Agawam, earned high honors for the second quarter.

Westfield State University: Carolyn Donahue, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Art interest sparked in lower grades

By Mike Lydick
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Students arrive at the Doering School prepared for a rigorous arts program by the art and music teachers at Agawam's four elementary schools.

"They're responsible for generating that initial spark of interest in the arts, then we're able to build on that," said Sue Federico, Doering's principal.

Sharon Vasicek teaches art at Robinson Park and Phelps schools, while Bryan Larkin serves Granger and Clark. Similarly, Paul Sawyer is the music teacher for Robinson Park and Phelps, while Catherine O'Keefe teaches music at Granger and Clark schools.

There are no dedicated rooms for art or music in the primary grades; K-4 students are taught in their regular classrooms. The four teachers travel from classroom to classroom with their teaching supplies on a cart.

Elementary school students have both art and music all year long, unlike at Doering, where they take art for half the year and music for the other half. Elementary students take art and music for 30-minute periods, once a week, to learn the following:

- An introduction to the parts of art (color, line, shape, form, pattern and texture), safety with materials (scissors, glue, rulers, brushes, paint, crayons), as well as getting acquainted with icons of folk and Western art (for example, DaVinci's "Mona Lisa," Grant Wood's "American Gothic," and Grandma Moses landscapes).
- Students are taught to draw people with 14 ovals — big, medium and small.
- Students learn to distinguish various kinds of picture making (still life, portrait, etc.) and work with several types of processes, such as folding paper, weaving yarn, crayon etching.
- With each project, students have the flexibility to use their imaginations and express themselves while exploring the basics of a new material, part of art, process, or way of making a picture.
- Students learn to talk about their own and others' artwork respectfully, focusing on what they see that they like. If there's something they would change, how would they do it?

"All art projects reflect the strengths and imagination each teacher brings to the classroom — such as his or her experience with particular medium," said Vasicek. "All K-4 students can take with them to Doering a strong conviction that they are born to create and can be an artist for as long as they keep making stuff."

"Our hands-on, authentic materials hopefully fuel the fire already burning within them to create repeatedly and to create often, as best they can," added Larkin.

Musical base

The aim of the music program is to instill within each child a love of music, based on the knowledge and understanding of its key elements.

The music program includes folksongs, singing games and traditional dances.

"Due to their form, simplicity, and innocent and light-hearted lyrics, folksongs provide the most logical learning steps for children, whereas singing games and dances draw them into the living elements of music," said O'Keefe.

O'Keefe emphasizes the basic elements of music, using the recorder and various percussion instruments. In doing so, music is chosen that suits the developmental stages of the child.

Within the program, ear-training teaches students to recognize pitch, and to distinguish beat and rhythm. Simple composition enables students to formally and artistically express what they have learned.

"In the process of studying music, a child's ability to attentively listen and to analyze what they have heard is steadily developed," added O'Keefe.

Sawyer said his music programs at Phelps and Robinson are designed to be inspiring, fun, and to build confidence and skills in young performers.

"Children learn the basics of singing, music notation, instrumental music such as drums, xylophone and recorder, composition and improvisation," he said. "Children participate yearly in concerts, talent shows, and sing-alongs to provide them with the necessary opportunities to develop their musical skills."



Doering School music teacher Daniel Rose leads the school's chorus in an early morning practice session. Participation in chorus is up from about a dozen to nearly 100 students this year. TURLEY PUBLICATION PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

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students learn to be creative.

Sixth grader Aaliyah Brace, 11, who loves animals and likes drawing them, said she could express her creativity by learning how to draw a wolf, a horse, and a cat.

Arthur Oganyan is a 10-year-old who loves to draw "realistic stuff." The fifth grader might even make a career as an artist one day. He's learned about using primary and secondary colors, how to use a color wheel, and the difference between warm and cool colors.

"Art is cool and fun," he said, "especially when working on a project. It's just awesome."

Osborn, who came to Doering after teaching visual arts at a junior-senior high school in Webster, Mass., said she works hard to make all students feel comfortable in taking risks, making mistakes and thinking creatively to solve problems.

Osborn also sets high standards for students — almost unrealistically high, she added — and then guides them through the process step-by-step to help them successfully complete the work.

"I expect them to use art materials they may have never used before and to do so responsibly," explained Osborn. She said students "eagerly meet these expectations" because they're excited about the materials and the eventual outcomes of their efforts.

"My fifth graders carve stamps with gouges and learn to sew with pins and needles, while my sixth graders create realistic, shaded self-portraits with high quality shading pencils and kneaded erasers," Osborn said.

Fatbardh "Faffi" Abdullah, 10, said it's important to learn some new skills like sewing.

"Now I can sew my own socks if they have holes," said the fifth grader.

Music on upswing

Rose, who came to Agawam after teaching in Holyoke, said he wanted to teach in a school where students "who take an interest in the arts are seen as something worth investing in, not as an afterthought." Along with Zach Scherpa, the school's longtime band instructor, Rose wants to invest and grow the arts through music.

Singing is a major part of Rose's curriculum, and he goes in-depth with vocal technique and vocal development. He said music education research indicates that providing a technical understanding of how the voice works, how it changes, and how it can be manipulated plays well to students' cognitive development.

Fifth grader Rachel Cohen said she didn't know anything about singing when she auditioned for the chorus. "Now, I can read notes, hold a note when singing, and hit a certain pitch," said the 10-year-old.

Added fifth grader Lynn Jong, 10, "I got to try some new things and I wasn't scared to try it because I was part of a group."

Rose said he wants to provide "really awesome opportunities" for kids who join the chorus. Under his direction,



Doering Middle School visual arts teacher Rebecca Osborn checks on the progress of her sixth grade students as they sketch Ernest Whitehead, 12, who volunteered to stand on a table and strike various poses.

students have auditioned for regional and state chorale ensembles. He also plans to take the chorus "on tour" to the elementary schools and design a "cool" poster similar to a professional singing group.

In addition to the chorus, sixth graders in his music class are composing a song they will sing at a spring concert.

"They're writing it from scratch: the lyrics, the melody, and the accompaniment," said Rose.

Opportunity to shine

Federico said students who may struggle in academics or in sports have an opportunity to "shine" in an arts program.

"The arts have the potential to build confidence and self-esteem in addition to putting big smiles on their faces," said Federico. "Our students need — and love — the positive experience, self-expression and acknowledgement the arts can provide."

Art education also benefits other classes, the principal added.

"Research has shown that in many cases students participating in different areas of learning, such as the arts, tend to become higher academic achievers," she said.

She added that the arts also can provide stress relief from the intensity of students' academic studies. "I want our students to be healthy, well-rounded, and happy. The arts are another way for them to develop social skills and engage with peers."



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commitments for taking part in the contests and if you make the court," said Safford. "These ladies already have a lot of commitments such as sports, activities, and jobs. That could be a reason."

Last year, there were nine applicants, and there were 11 in 2013. There were just six in 2014. In the first year that Agawam crowned a Colleen, 2001, there were 20 contestants.

This Sunday's event will be the culmination of the application process for contestants Elizabeth Caracciolo, 20, a junior at Westfield State University; Isabel Lamkins, 18, a senior at Agawam High School; Abigail Malouin, 17, a senior at Holyoke Catholic High School in Chicopee; Julianne Moriarty, 18, a senior at AHS; and Caroline Wysocki, 18, a senior at Williston Northampton School in Easthampton.

The winner will become part of a 16-year positive tradition in Agawam.

"The colleens have a great camaraderie among them,"

said Safford. "They are a close group. They do things together, including coming to have tea at my house. There is also a scrapbook that is passed down from colleen to colleen and they fill them with their memories."

Sunday morning will feature the presentation of the five contestants, who are escorted to the stage. They will answer a question for the judges, who are independent and not known to the contestants prior to the contest.

While the judges deliberate, the St. Patrick's Day Committee will hold its awards ceremony and breakfast. This year's awardees include the 2016 Agawam parade marshal, John McCarthy; Anne Sullivan Award winner, Nicole Berta, Safford's co-chair for the Colleen contest; and Citizenship Award winner, David Cecchi.

Tickets are still available for the event. They are \$35 each and may be ordered through Laurie O'Connell at laurie822@comcast.net.

Safford confirmed 2015 Colleen Lauren Muszynski and her entire court will be in attendance. Muszynski will crown the new Colleen.

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decided to give it a try in Agawam, trying to play matchmaker between books and their readers. She called it a creative way to find new books — including some unexpected “matches,” in keeping with the blind date theme.

“One of the goals is for a patron to come and pick a book, and maybe they try out a new author or a new genre and they find they like that,” said Collins.

On a display are about two dozen books which are wrapped in plain brown paper, so patrons cannot see the title or author. Like a dating profile, the wrapper does give a little information about the book, such as the genre – romance, mystery, action – and a few more details. Collins she looks up reviews of the book online and shares a quote to also entice a reader.

But only after the book is checked out does the reader unwrap it.

So far, the dates have been flying off the display. On Feb. 1, Collins said she started out with 25 books. It didn’t take long for the display to empty. She said the flow of books being checked out has been constant and she is wrapping new books every day.

“I did not realize how big this was going to be,” she said.

She said there is no specific method to the books she chooses, but says she is trying to make sure there is a broad array of genres so she can appeal to all different patrons of the library.

The display has even attracted some teenagers, who have checked out some books on the display.

“I am really happy to see that it has taken off,” said Collins. “There is a great opportunity to do this again in the future with a

different theme later in the year.”

The blind date theme for Valentine’s Day, though, was a “perfect match,” she said.

“It worked out really well for February,” said Collins.

Wrapped books will be available for the remainder of the month, Collins said, before she comes out with a new display for March.

She has not received any specific feedback from patrons about whether they liked their “blind dates,” but is hoping to hear to some before the month is out.

“I really hope people are enjoying the books they have taken out,” said Collins.

“Blind dates” – books wrapped to conceal their covers – are available for library patrons this month. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



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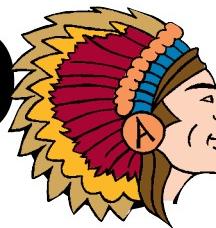
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SPORTS


BASKETBALL

Colts late hoop gets by Brownies

By Nate Rosenthal

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - Earlier in the season, the Agawam boys' basketball beat Chicopee Comprehensive in the ultimate character win. They had led throughout the first half and comfortably at that. A late run by the Colts before the half carried over into the third and by the end of the quarter, the Brownies found themselves 11 points behind. But a quick start in the final frame got them back into the game and they did to Comp in that fourth what was done to them a quarter before. Agawam won the game by six points. Still undefeated in Suburban League play, the Brownies faced the Colts again at Agawam and this time, Agawam came out on the short end of a 62-60 score last week. As the final score suggests, this went down to the wire.

Coming into the game, the Brownies had won eight in a row, the last of which was a 10-point win over Sabis, giving the Bulldogs their only Suburban loss. This winning streak had effectively put the 1-3 start of the season far in the rear view mirror, though of the losses were by one point each. When they beat Comp the first time, the Colts were in the midst of their low point of the season. They had



Sean Moore heads for a layup in Agawam's 62-60 loss against Comp. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM



Meesha Ohradka takes a one-handed shot.

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HOCKEY

Brownies fall, weaken playoff chance

By Tim Peterson

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

WEST SPRINGFIELD - The top four hockey teams in the Berry Division will automatically qualify for the Western Massachusetts Division 3 tournament.

Both the Ludlow Lions and the Agawam Brownies entered their second meeting of the regular season looking for a victory in order to stay alive in the postseason hunt.

The Lions, who defeated the Brownies, 2-1, back in December, snapped a 10-game losing streak with a 5-3 victory spoiling Agawam's senior night at the Olympia Ice Center, last Saturday night.

Agawam, who defeated Chicopee, 8-2, in their previous game, had a 3-11-1 overall record and was in fifth place in the league standings with a 2-7-1 record following the loss. The Brownies began this week's action one game behind fourth place Westfield.

The Brownies climbed to the top of the mountain last March by defeating top-seeded Westfield, 2-1, in the Western Mass. Division 3 finals before losing to Watertown, 2-1, in the Division 3 state finals at the TD Garden.

The Agawam seniors, who



Domenic Ingham moves the puck down the ice. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM

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ROUND UP

Brownies rise above .500

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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AGAWAM - After hovering back and forth around the .500 mark for the better part of the season, the Agawam girls basketball team has gone on a three-game winning streak and now stands at 8-6, needing just two more wins to qualify for the postseason.

The Brownies received a weeklong break before returning to action Tuesday night, but scored wins on Jan. 28 over Northampton and last Tuesday night against visiting Westfield.

Against Westfield, Agawam was able to overcome a late surge from the Bombers to take a 41-38 victory.

Meghan D'Amours led Agawam with 13 points and 10 rebounds for a double-double, and combined with Christie Mirski for most of Agawam's offense. Mirski led all scorers with 14 points in the win. She sank a pair of treys and a pair of free throws to go with three other field goals.

Samantha Charette had five points off the bench and Jess Lingenberg had four points.

In a 42-33 win over Northampton, Agawam trailed for much of the game, and their offense

dropped off early in the third quarter. The Brownies played excellent defense in the second half, limiting Northampton to just 11 points.

That allowed Agawam to make their comeback in the final frame, outscoring the Blue Devils 16-4 in the final frame.

D'Amours led the Brownies with 11 points, and Charette and Lingenberg had eight points each.

Agawam had a makeup game against Minnechaug scheduled for Wednesday night, and is at Ludlow Friday at 7 p.m.

Wrestling

Agawam has challenged itself throughout the year with difficult dual meets. But the Brownies have dominated the league this season.

The Brownies clinched the Valley Wheel League title with a win 51-21 against Westfield last Wednesday night at home.

Agawam was powered early in the meet by forfeits, but picked up some wins in the middle weights, including at 152 pounds by Troy Carroll, who got a second round pin against Dennis Sevostyanov.

At 170 pounds, Hai Tran was a winner with just 11 seconds re-

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Sports



Niko Passerini takes control of a loose puck. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS
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Billy Schwarz controls the puck moving to the Ludlow end.

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were honored during a pre-game ceremony before last Saturday's game, are Matt Clarke, Brett Fila, Ethan Laudato, John Passerini, Riley Pearson, Paul Rivera, and Keith Ruby.

The Lions, who didn't qualify for the postseason tournament a year ago, improved their overall record to 3-11-1. They were also tied for sixth place in the league standings with West Springfield with a 2-7 mark.

The Lions seniors, who'll be honored before playing their final game of the regular season against West Springfield on Feb. 25, are David Modzelewski, Jake Murphy, Devin Senerchia, and Hunter Schinabeck.

"We might be a very young team this year, but we always play very hard in every game that we play," said Modzelewski, who has been a member of the varsity team since he was a freshman. "It feels very good to win this game on their senior night. We're still hoping to make the playoffs this year."

The Ludlow freshmen players took over the spotlight once the game started.

Leading the way was freshman Logan Cognac, who recorded his first career hat-trick in a varsity hockey game.

"It's a very special night for me because I recorded my first hat trick in a high school game," said Cognac, who has scored a team-leading 10 goals in the first 15 games of the regular season. "I just was in the right spots at the right time in tonight's game."

It was also the Lions first hat-trick of the season.

The only other time that Ludlow scored at least five goals in the game was a 5-4 win against Merrimack (NH) in a tournament held at the Salem Ice Center two days after Christmas.

Following a scoreless opening period, which was evenly played, the Lions took a 1-0 lead when Cognac put a backhander into the net past Agawam junior goalie Nick Askins (22 saves) for an unassisted goal at the 4:35 mark of the second period.

"Seeing the young guys on the team like Logan step up is a very good thing," said Modzelewski, who's a starting defenseman. "Our offense is made up of mostly freshmen. I'm looking forward to coming back and watching them play during the next couple of years. We do have a very bright future."

Less than a minute later, freshman Steven Senerchia scored a power play goal giving the Lions a 2-0 lead. That goal was assisted by freshman Cole Moutinho.

The Browns would cut the deficit in half following a



John Passerini surveys the zone for an open teammate.

breakaway goal by Fila at the 5:53 mark. Sophomore Dom Ingham and freshman Cam Croteau were credited with the assists on the power play goal.

Four minutes later, the Lions built a 3-1 lead on a goal by freshman Max Cocchi, which was assisted by Modzelewski.

The fifth and final goal of the second period was scored by Croteau at the 10:21 making the score 3-2 entering the final 15 minutes.

Less than five minutes into the third period, an unassisted goal by Agawam sophomore Anthony Passerini tied the score at 3-3 for the first time.

Cognac scored his second goal, which was assisted by Schinabeck, giving Ludlow a 4-3 advantage with eight minutes remaining in regulation.

Down at the other end of the ice, junior goalie Alex Will (24 saves) made a great save on a breakaway shot by Ingaham, which would've tied the score again. Will also came up with a big save on another breakaway shot in the first period.

"We really needed to win this game tonight," Will said. "We still have a chance to make the playoffs and it was a great team effort."

Cognac completed his magically night by scoring an open net goal with 39 seconds remaining in the game.

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maining in the first period.

The Brownies finished with six forfeits.

Kyle Ma also won for Agawam with a 9-7 decision in the 106-pound match.

Boys swimming

The Brownies have improved to 8-5 with two wins in their last three meets and have closed out the regular season with a 5-2 league record as they defeated South Hadley 59-37 last Tuesday afternoon.

In the win, depth helped Agawam as they captured just half of the events, but seconds and third helped their scoring.

John Wheat won the 50-yard freestyle, David Welch captured the 100-yard butterfly, and Joshua Shea was a winner in the 500-yard free style. Agawam's 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle relay teams were also winners.

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Sports

Fishing and hunting swap meet

AGAWAM - The annual Agawam Fishing and Hunting Swap Meet will take place at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St.

The show will take place on March 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a \$2 door charge.

This show will have all kinds of fishing and hunting gear. In the past vendors have new, used, antique Fishing and hunting gear. This includes fresh water, salt water and ice fishing equipment. We also have on hand many antique vendors and sellers to quote that old tackle for free. This show has something for everyone.

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won six in a row coming into this game. With Sabis in the picture as well, this second meeting between Comp and Agawam had serious implications. The Colts were hot, having averaged 80 points per game over their last three. At 9-4, Agawam is still one win short of qualifying, but with seven games remaining, that should not be an issue. Winning the division is probably more on their minds at this time.

Back-to-back baskets by LeClair and a three by Joe Moccio gave Agawam a 24-17 lead with 4:29 left in the half. The Colts got the next five, closing to two on Carey basket with 3:10 left. Max Molta scored four points, including a three to get the Agawam lead back to six. Perez answered the three with one of his own, only to have Moccio hit one himself five seconds later. When Mendez scored at the buzzer, the Colts closed to four points, going into the break at 33-29.

Steve Velasquez scored 23 seconds into the second half to cut it two. He would have a big third quarter. Moore answered nine seconds later and then it was Velasquez with a three thirty seconds after that. A basket by Ohradka brought the margin back to three with 6:39 left in the third. It was nearly three minutes before there was another basket. With 3:51, Andrew Lebel hit a jumper and then 18 seconds later he made two free throws. Comp had come back from their seven-point deficit to take a one-point lead. DeStefano hit a three with 2:50 left and now Agawam was up by two. It was a minute later when Perez scored to tie and twenty seconds more for Velasquez to give the Colts a 43-40 lead with a three. DeStefano and Scott scored at 1:12 and 34 second and now Agawam was back in front by one. Lebel hit a three with 13 seconds left and Comp went into the final frame with a 46-44 lead.

Defense was the story for the first two minutes of the fourth. LeClair finally scored and with 5:50 to play, the game was tied at 46-46. Popovichenko got two for Comp at 5:02 and Ohradka tied it at 4:26. Over the next minute, it was a basket by Mendez and two free throws by Ohradka and with three minutes to play, it was 50-50. Carey put Comp back in the lead with a dunk. Five seconds later, Scott made one of two from the line to cut it to one. LeClair scored with 2:15 to play and now Agawam led. On their next possession, the Colts retook the lead on a three-point play by Perez. The basket put them in front; the free throw made it a two-point game. Then in just four seconds, Ohradka got four shots from the foul line and he made three. With 1:46 to play, the Brownies led 56-55. Perez hit a three with 1:19 left it was Comp at 58-56. Scott, with a lay-up at 1:01, tied it.

Ski, hockey tickets available at Park & Rec office

AGAWAM - The Parks & Recreation Winter Brochure is now available online at www.agawam.ma.us.

Discounted Ski Blandford tickets are available for \$25 each and can be used any day that the mountain is open for skiing during the 2015-16 season. Tickets are available at the Parks & Recreation Department, 1000 Suffield St. Call 413-821-0514 for more information.

Discounted Springfield Falcons tickets may be purchased for \$15 each at the Agawam Park & Recreation Department. The vouchers can be exchanged at the Falcons box office at any time for any Falcons home game. Call 413-821-0514 for more information.

Supreme shooting clinic

EAST LONGMEADOW - Dr. Steve Sobel will be running the Supreme Shooting Clinic for boys and girls in grades 4-9 at The Arbors Kids, 126 Industrial Drive.

The basketball clinic will run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Bring water, towel, sneakers, shorts t-shirts and a winning attitude.

Parents encouraged to watch.

The fee is \$29 per child with discounts available for four or more players from the same team.

For more information, contact Dr. Sobel at 413-530-5173 or send an email to info@drstevesobel.com.



Myles Scott takes a shot under pressure. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



Joe Moccio brings down a rebound.

With 34.5 second left, Bryan Atimbo scored on a layup and was fouled. That broke a 58-58 tie. Though he missed the free throw, he was able to get to the other end, where he took a charge some seven seconds later. That gave the ball back to Comp. A quick foul and a couple of misses by the Colts shooter gave it back to the Brownies. A turnover gave it back to Comp. On the play a technical foul was called on the Brownies. Atimbo made them both and with 7.9 remaining, the Colts had a two possession lead. Ohradka scored as time ran out.

Ohradka scored 11 of his 14 points in the second half, nine of which came in the fourth. LeClair had 12, eight in the first half. Moore kept the Brownies in the game in the first quarter with six of his ten points.

The Brownies have made up ground in a hurry and there was no bigger win to date than beating Sabis, 49-39, earlier in the week. They gave the Bulldogs their first loss in Suburban League play and have thrown the Division into flux at the same time, with Comp and Longmeadow knocking at the door. The Brownies trailed 13-10 after one. They held the Bulldogs to 10 points in the second quarter and took a two point lead at the half. Great defense after the break kept it close in the third and when the out-scored Sabis 12-5 in the fourth, they won the game. Moccio and Ohradka each scored 16 points. The Brownies are done with Comp, but they finish the season with back to back games against Longmeadow and Sabis.

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Friday, Feb. 12

SPRINGFIELD RV, CAMPING AND OUTDOOR SHOW, today through Monday, in the Better Living Center, Young Building and Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$11 general admission (\$9 with online coupon); children 12 and under free; seniors, disabled American veterans and military, \$7.

DAN JONES, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES column "Modern Love," will share his stories and read from his books at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Scibelli Hall at STCC, One Armory Square, Springfield, as part of its free Ovations series. For more information, call 413-755-4233 or email pcodonoghue@stcc.edu.

LENTEN LUNCHES at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield (next to Forest Park), today and every Friday through March 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Takeout orders available by calling ahead on Friday mornings at 413-221-5399. There is a 50-cent charge per take out order to help defray the cost of packaging, to support local and global mission projects.

Saturday, Feb. 13

COMEDY NIGHT hosted by the Agawam Dog Owners Group, 8 p.m., Oak Ridge Golf Club, 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own snacks. Tickets \$20, available at Southgate Liquors (next to Geissler's) or online at www.AgawamDogPark.com. For more information or reservations of six or more, call Cheryl at 413-374-8336.

THE SUFFIELD WINTER FARMER'S MARKET will be at the Large Animal Facility in back of the high school at 1060 Sheldon St., West Suffield from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local crafters and vendors also offer a large variety of items. For more information, visit www.suffieldfarmer-market.com.

Sunday, Feb. 14

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

THE AGAWAM SAINT PATRICK COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam. New members are welcome.

THE TOBACCO VALLEY ARTISTS ASSOC. will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Featured guest will be Douglas Gillette, who will demonstrate perspective in drawing or painting. All are welcome.

Friday, Feb. 19

FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM LIBRARY'S Juried Photography show awards night and reception at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam, 7 to 9 p.m. Music and light refreshments. Free and open to the public.

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Saturday, Feb. 20

KIDS FUN FAIR / TRAVELING ZOO, today and Sunday, in Mallary East on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$15; children 12 and under free with coupon.

FIRST COMPANY GOVENOR'S FOOT ATHLETIC ASSOC. Dog show and Obedience Trials, today and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Sunday, Feb. 21

"HONEST CONVERSATIONS WITH MUSLIM NEIGHBORS," a program sponsored by the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council and the Connecticut Council for Inter-religious Understanding Hartford Seminary, will be held at 2 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield. For more information, call the church at 860-668-0456 or visit interfaithccfiu.org.

Thursday, Feb. 25

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, 833 Main St., Agawam, will host a speaker series, "What you need to know about annulment as a Catholic. Can I still be a practicing Catholic after divorce or annulment?" at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Drawing the Portrait" featuring Christina Grace Mastrangelo, classical painter and teacher, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext.

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Saturday, Feb. 27

KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY will host a program on the culture and food of Korea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Designed for adults and children age 7 and over, it will take place either at the library's current home, 61 Fyler Place, Suffield, or at 50 N. Main St., Suffield, depending on the status of renovations. To register or to confirm the location, visit www.suffield-library.org or call 860-668-3896.

Thursday, March 3

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, 833 Main St., Agawam, will host a speaker series beginning at 7 p.m., "Is there an alternative to abortion with an unplanned pregnancy?" Find out about the alternative to abortion and resources available. The public is invited.

Wednesday, March 9

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Thursday, March 10

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, 833 Main St., Agawam, will host a speaker series beginning at 7 p.m., "Is assisted suicide really death with dignity? What are end of life directives. What about withholding treatment?" The public is invited.

Saturday, March 12

BENEFIT FOR LANDEN PALATINO, Agawam American Legion 185, 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Two sessions - noon to 3 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Tickets, \$20 for adults; \$7 for children. Buffet, clowns, magicians, a disc jockey and crafts for children. All proceeds to benefit the Palatino family. Eight-year-old Landen has been diagnosed with glioblastoma, a fast-growing brain tumor and has extensive treatment ahead. For tickets, call Jenny Wright at 413-250-5127.

Sunday, March 13

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Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 15: President's Day. Senior Center closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Glazed chicken drumsticks, Tater Tots, buttered corn, oranges.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: Mushroom-topped cheeseburger, coleslaw, potato salad, baked good.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Chicken breast supreme, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, diced pears.

Friday, Feb. 19: Seafood newburg, egg noodles, peas and carrots, pudding.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Feb. 15: President's Day. Senior Center closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 16: 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("The Age of Adeline"), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game;

2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance; 6:30 p.m., evening sewing.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 8:30 a.m., Meet the Mayor; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Club Chapter 2 meeting; 2 p.m., CPA Jack Welch available (by appt.); 5:30 p.m., Zumba; 6:30 p.m., Turnverein chorus.

Thursday, Feb. 18: free tax preparation (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge, Investment Club meeting; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 4:15 p.m., Pilates; 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dance.

Friday, Feb. 19: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

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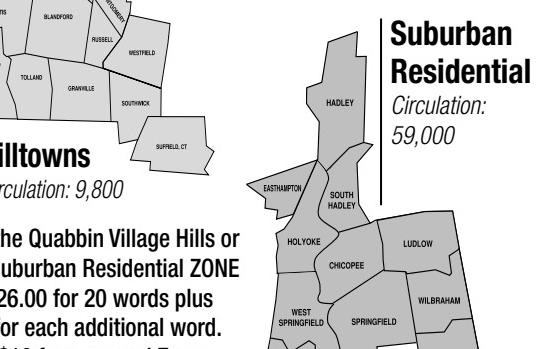
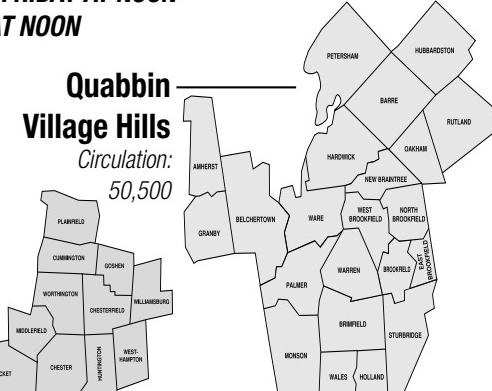
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Shovel ready



PROMOTED

Robinson takes new role at PeoplesBank

Nancy M. Robinson has been promoted to internal audit officer at PeoplesBank. Robinson has more than a decade of banking and financial experience. She first joined the bank in 2012 and previously served as financial analyst.

A resident of Agawam, Robinson holds a master of science in



Nancy M. Robinson

accounting and bachelor of science in business administration from Western New England University. She serves on the board of the Connecticut River Valley Golden Retriever Club. She also volunteers for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, United Way and Children's Study Home.

Hired

Chmielewski joins DiSanti Realty

WEST SPRINGFIELD — DiSanti Realty Group LLC has announced that Laurie Chmielewski, of Agawam, has joined its Realtor team. She joins Teri Douglas, Paul Montefusco, Linda DiSanti, CFO, and Jessica Kelly, administrative assistant, in the firm of owner and broker Gerard J. DiSanti.

Chmielewski is a local musician and singer, and has been working at the Center Square Grille in East Longmeadow. Disanti Realty Group can be reached at 413-391-7358 or at 1073 Riverdale St., West Springfield.



Laurie Chmielewski

Alvanos a notary



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Agawam saw its first big snowstorm of the winter last Friday, and Judith Benerakis had just a shovel to deal with the accumulation on her Shoemaker Lane property — though she said her son would take care of most of her 350-foot driveway when he came home later that day. At Southgate Plaza, Sean Sparver had a more efficient method, plowing snow from the parking lot and sidewalk into massive hills with his front-end loader. Bottom photo, white flakes dominated the view on River Road by the South End Bridge. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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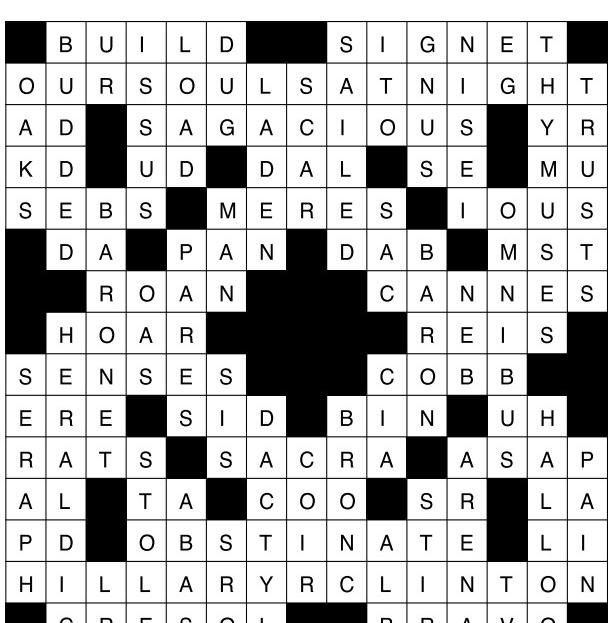
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